

1      **ABSTRACT**

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3      A mechanism for seeking access of a client to a first server is described.

4      The mechanism involves determining that a client seeking access to the first server

5      is not authenticated by an authentication server. The mechanism further involves

6      communicating a request for login information to be returned to the second server

7      from the client. Login information is received at the authentication server from

8      the client. The client is authenticated by comparing the login information with

9      authentication information maintained by the authentication server. When the

10     login information matches the authentication information, a user authentication

11     indicator is generated at the authentication server and the user sends the

12     authentication indicator to the first server.

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